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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, PBOR, IS, EG, US  
SUBJ: AMOCO INCIDENT  
REF: (A) TEL AVIV 3266, (B) CAIRO 7864

1. EMBASSY IS CONCERNED BY TWO ASPECTS OF REF A, WHICH  
RECEIVED JUST AS REF B WAS SENT.

2. GOI PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSIONS EITHER IN TEL AVIV OR  
GULF OF SUEZ INCLUDING EMBASSY TEL AVIV NAVAL ATTACHE  
TO "MAKE A DETERMINATION OF THE FACTS," I.E., TO FIX THE  
EXACT LOCATION OF THE MEDIAN LINE AND OF THE AMOCO  
EQUIPMENT, WOULD CARRY IMPLICATION OF USG RECOGNITION OF  
ISRAELI POSITION CONCERNING EXISTENCE OF MEDIAN LINE.  
WHILE AMOCO HAS PLANNED ITS CURRENT  
EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES SO AS TO REMAIN WEST OF MEDIAN LINE  
IN ORDER TO AVOID BRINGING THIS ISSUE TO A HEAD AT THIS  
TIME, BOTH COMPANY AND USG HAVE CAREFULLY AVOIDED ACCEPT-  
ING ISRAELI POSITION THAT SUCH A LINE EXISTS AND THAT  
ACTIVITIES EAST OF IT REQUIRE GOI PERMISSION. A MEETING  
TO FIX THE LINE WITH USG REPRESENTATION (WE DOUBT THAT  
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AMOCO WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE PART) WOULD IMPLY USG  
RECOGNITION OF THE LINE'S EXISTENCE. WE THEREFORE  
STRONGLY RECOMMEND AGAINST USG PARTICIPATION IN MEETING  
FOR THIS PURPOSE. ON OTHER HAND, WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE  
POSSIBLE FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF GOE AND EMBASSY TEL AVIV  
TO ACCURATELY PLOT POSITIONS OF AMOCO EQUIPMENT AND  
PLANS ON BASIS OF EARLIER CABLES WITHOUT REGARD ON

USG PART TO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ISRAELI MEDIAN LINE. WE WOULD ASSUME THIS COULD BE DONE IN TEL AVIV JUST AS EASILY AS ON THE SPOT IN THE GULF OF SUEZ.

3. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT YADIN'S ASSURANCE THAT IDF WOULD "DO NOTHING" PROVIDED AMOCO ALSO DOES NOTHING IN EFFECT MEANS THAT ONCE AGAIN GOI WILL HAVE BROUGHT AMOCO OPERATIONS TO A HALT. AMOCO'S INTENTIONS AND ACTIONS HAVE CLEARLY BEEN TO AVOID ANY "PROVOCATION" TO ISRAELIS, AND THIS WAS OBVIOUS BASIS FOR COMPANY'S REQUEST THAT WE NOTIFY GOI OF ITS PLANS IN PURSUIT OF ITS NORMAL EXPLORATORY OPERATIONS TO THE WEST OF SO-CALLED MEDIAN LINE. TO THE CONTRARY, AMOCO AND NOW SADAT AND GOE (REF B) CONSIDER ISRAELI HARASSMENT AS DELIBERATE PROVOCATION. EMBASSY DOES NOT PLAN TO INFORM AMOCO CONCERNING REF A NOR SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 9 UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.

4. EMBASSY HOPES THAT EARLY RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER CAN TAKE PLACE SO AS TO AVOID CASTING ANY SHADOW ON UPCOMING BEGIN VISIT, BUT AS IS CLEAR FROM REF B, HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOE IS ALREADY CONCERNED AT WHAT SADAT REGARDS AS DELIBERATE AND UNNECESSARY ISRAELI HARASSMENT OF LEGITIMATE AMOCO ACTIVITIES. WE BELIEVE THAT MEETING OF GOE AND EMBASSY TEL AVIV TO PLOT EXACT POSITIONS OF AMOCO EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE ABLE RESOLVE MATTER EXPEDIENTLY.

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